

## **CORRECTED FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 3322 - HB 3416**

April 7, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Makes various revisions to the election laws which include requiring the county election commission to mail new voter registration cards to each voter immediately after any change of voting district, authorizing the Coordinator of Elections to promulgate rules to determine the minimum number of paper ballots to be furnished to each precinct on election day and increasing the ratio of the number of voters to voting machines from not more than 750 to no more than 1,000 voters per machine.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On March 6, 2006, we issued a fiscal note indicating an increase in local government expenditures of \$1,262,250 every 10 years. Based on additional information from the State Coordinator of Elections, the estimated fiscal impact of this bill is:

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**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – \$505,000 Every 10 Years\***

#### Assumptions:

- New voter registration cards would be mailed once every ten years to registered voters after the redistricting period at a cost of \$.45 per voter. It is anticipated that at least 85% of all registered voters would have some change in a senate, house, congressional or county commission district. The next scheduled redistricting period would take place in FY2011-12.
- There are approximately 3,300,000 registered voters in the state. An estimated 85% (2,805,000) would have some district change that would necessitate the issuance of a new card. Of the 2,805,000 an estimated 60% are already receiving new cards. Therefore, approximately 40% (1,122,000) of these voters currently not receiving new cards would need a new voter registration card.

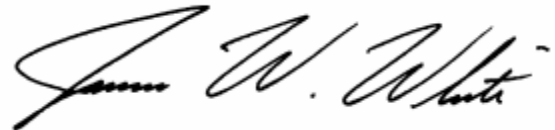
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- Therefore, the cost of mailing new cards to all affected registered voters in the state is estimated to be approximately \$505,000 (1,122,000 x \$.45).

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director